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DEMAND OF CASHEW IN EUROPEAN MARKET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand of Indian cashew in the European Market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the quantity of cashew exported to European countries during each of the last three years and 2007-08;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the export of cashew; and

(e) the revenue earned therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & b) Yes, Sir. Our total exports of cashew during 2006-07 was 1,18,540 MT valued at Rs.2,455.15 crores of which 41,962 MT valued at Rs.843.21 crores was to European countries. The major European markets are Netherlands, France, Germany, Spain and Greece.

c) & e) Export of Cashew kernels to European countries during the last three years and 2007-08 are as under:

Export of Cashew Kernels from India

Period	To European countries		Total Exports		% share	
	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs./Crs.)	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs./Crs)	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs./Crs)
2004-05	40822	884.00	126667	2709.24	32.33	32.63
2005-06	4196	2947.18	18540	2514.86	37.93	37.66
2006-07	43296	843.21	114143	2455.15	35.40	34.34
2007-08 (April `07)	3036.81	59.85	8312	168.24	36.54	35.57

Source: Various Custom Houses as compiled by CEPC

d) Besides the traditional export promotion measures like sponsoring trade delegation, particularly trade fairs, publishing cashew literature, statistics, trade information etc., export promotional activities under the MDA, MAI and Plan Schemes of the Government of India are also under taken through Cashew Export Promotion Council [CEPC] to promote export of Cashew.